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100% Renewables, Local Climate Solutions in Africa, Europe, South Asia

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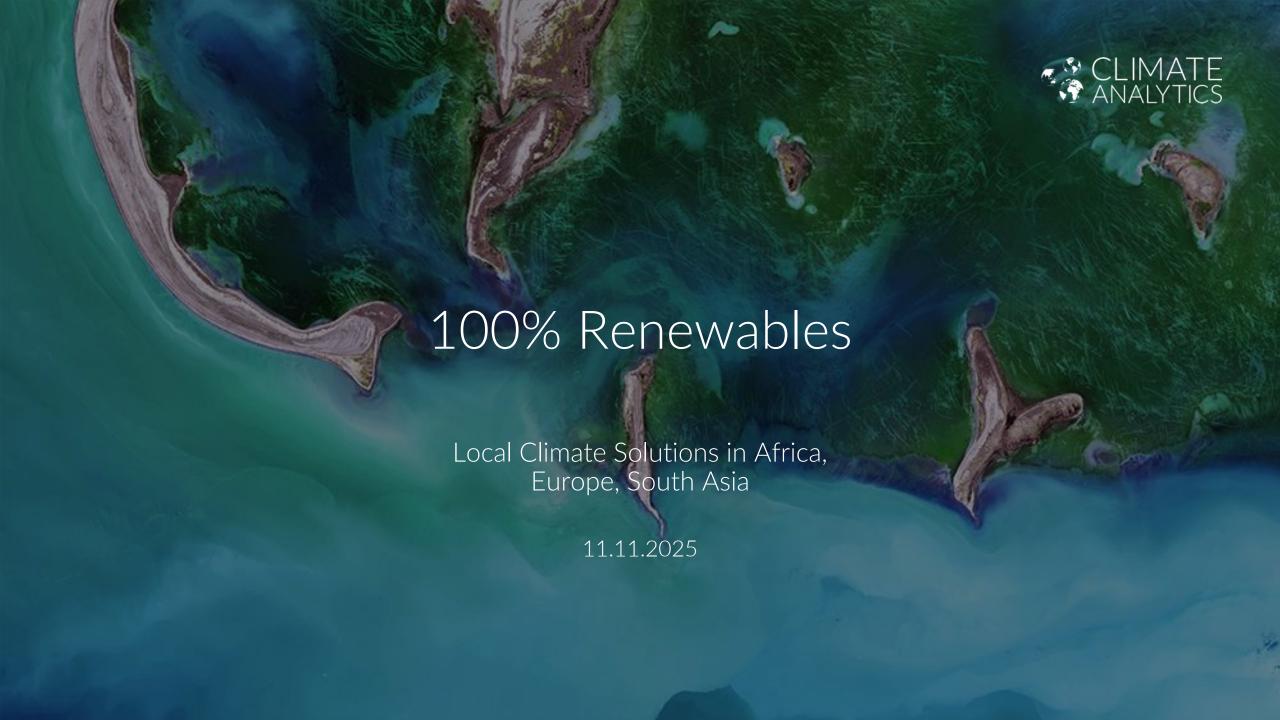








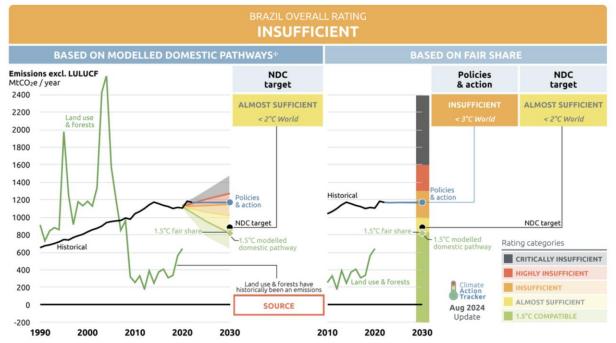








- A global climate science and policy institute engaged around the world in driving and supporting climate action aligned to the 1.5°C warming limit.
- We connect science and policy to empower vulnerable countries in international climate negotiations and inform national planning with targeted research, analysis and support.



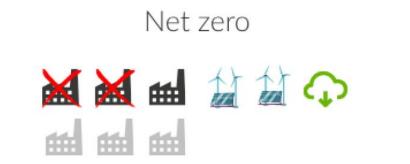
\* Modelled domestic pathways reflects a global economic efficiency perspective with pathways for different temperature ranges derived from global least-cost models



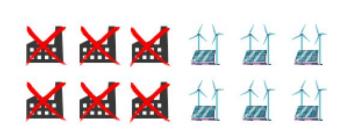
### Real zero vs net zero

The need for 100% Renewables





Partial elimination of fossil fuels compensating the rest with carbon capture and storage (CCS) or carbon dioxide removal (CDR)



Real zero

Complete elimination of fossil fuels with zero-carbon alternatives



Figure ES1: The difference between real zero and net zero emissions goals

- Not all net zero goals are created equal. Many rely heavily on CCS and CDR
- Different from real zero: the complete elimination of fossil fuels by replacing them with zero-carbon alternatives

## Renewables as a key driver in decarbonizing not just Power and Transport sectors but also Industry

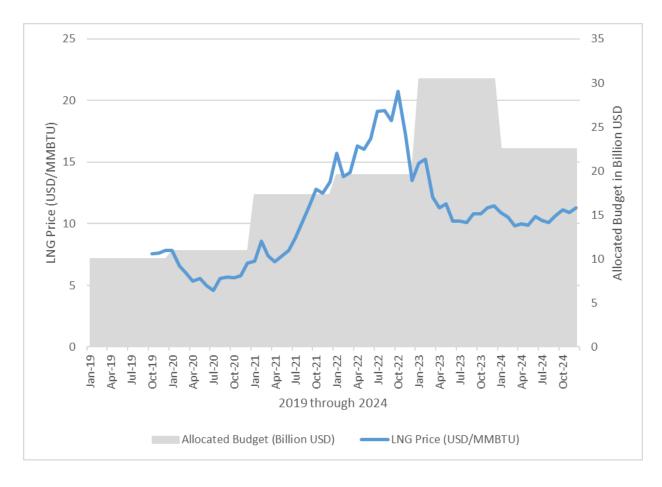


- Sectors once considered "hard-to-abate" (like steel, shipping, and trucking) are now seeing zero-carbon options become competitive.
- Achieving real zero is possible in many sectors by the early 2040s, especially in leading regions, and can bring operational savings and economic "first-mover" advantages.

## Fertiliser sector (India) Challenges



- India is the second-largest consumer of fertilisers in the world
- Massive Import burden due to imported fertilisers - valued at \$40bn USD projected to grow to \$70bn USD by 2032
- Does produce a lot of domestic Urea but almost entirely run on fossil gas.
   About 80% of this gas is imported
- Local fertiliser costs tied to volatile gas prices.
- Gas can account for as much as 70-80% of total production costs



Analysis of LNG spot prices against the annual budget allocation by The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers (Department of Fertilisers)

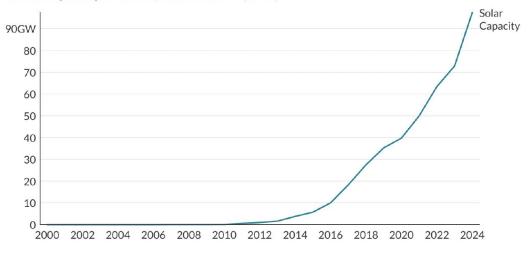
## Fert sector (India)

#### Opportunities

- Solar capacity in India has grown significantly over the last 15 years, reaching near 100 GW (2010: <1GW) in 2024 (Ember, 2025).</li>
- Solar electricity prices in India dropped from around USD 240/MWh in 2010 to just over USD 30/MWh as of today.
- Solar PV saw the steepest drop, with a global learning rate of 33%,
- Wind (onshore) has also seen similar success, with a learning rate of 20.6%
- Electrolysers have exhibited learning rates of around 23% (AEL) 32% (PEM) over the last 20 years



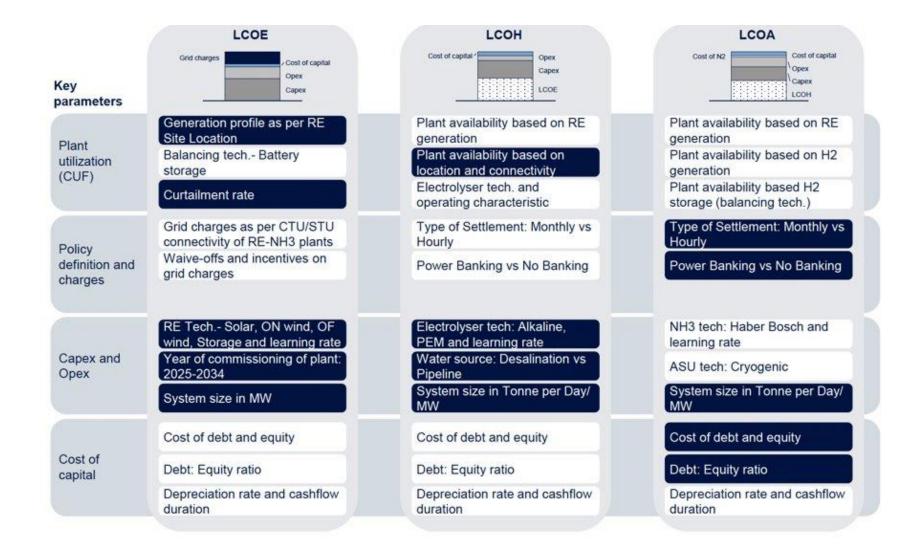
#### Solar capacity in India, 2000-2024 (GW)



Technology	Learning Rate (%)
Solar PV	33
Wind (Onshore)	20.6
	23
⊟ Electrolyser (PEM)	32

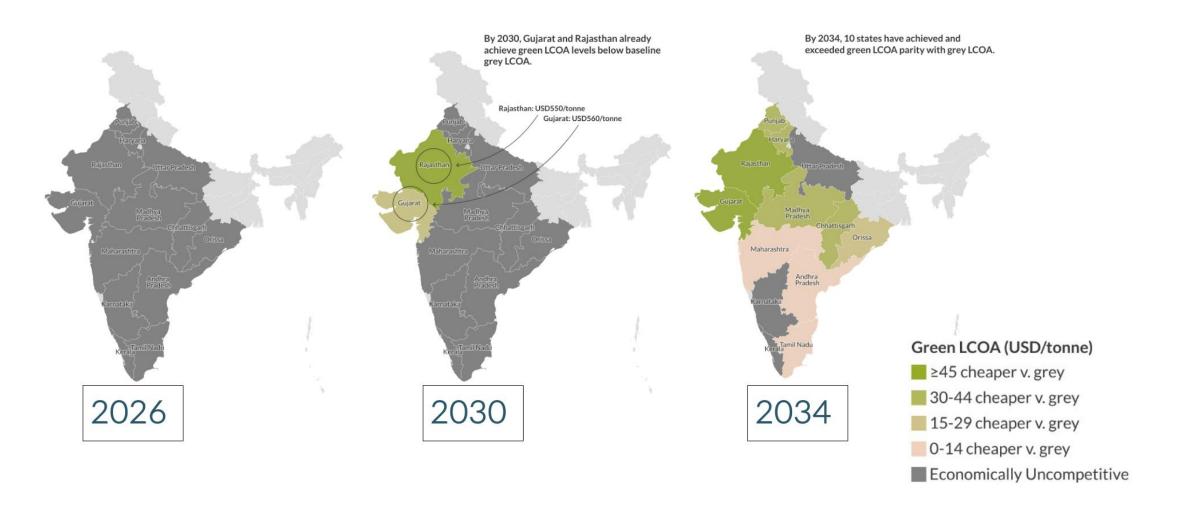
## 25+ parameters influencing costs













### Market Data – auction results from 2025

- Market data is reflective of our modelling result
- 13 bids from SECI's green ammonia tender earlier this year
- Jackson Green won at approx.
   \$572/tonne

#### SECI green ammonia auction results (USD/tonne)

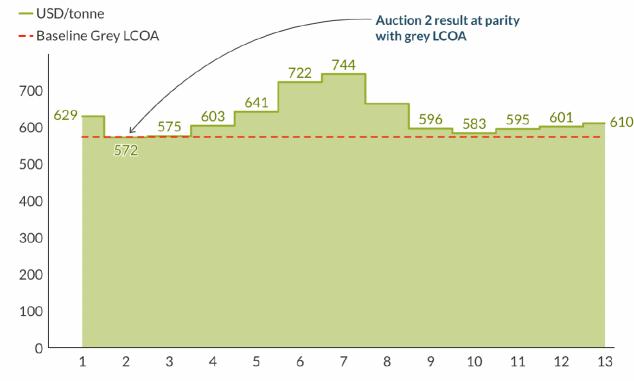


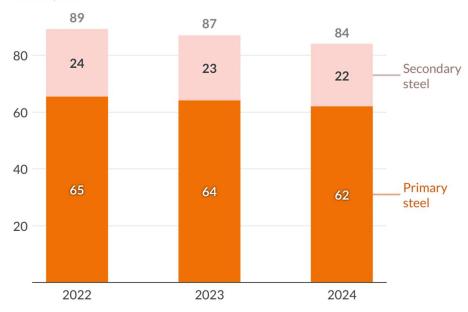
Figure 3 Winning bids from the Solar Energy Corporation of India auctions for the year of 2025 production of green ammonia (SECI, 2025).

## Steel (Japan)



- Conducted similar analysis on 'LCOS' in Japan
- Japan is the world's third-largest steelmaker and second-largest steel exporter
- Steelmaking accounts for up to 14% of Japan's CO2 emissions.
- Japanese steelmakers and officials, adamant on carbon-abated approach sighting "costcompetitiveness" and "energy and economic security"
- Less than 30% of production from Secondary Steel

Japanese production of primary and secondary steel, million tonnes per annum, 2022-2024



## Steel (Japan)



- For secondary steel production, a commercially viable real zero technology is already the most economically appealing.
- For primary steel production, green hydrogen-based DRI-EAF production, using HBI imports, can make real zero cost-competitive against BAU as early as 2032

